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IMPORT OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether medicines are being imported in large quantity from China;

(b) whether the import of cheaper medicines from China has created a serious problem for the indigenous pharmaceutical companies;

(c) if so, the names of the medicines being imported from China at cheaper prices; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of indigenous pharmaceutical industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Imports of medicinal and pharmaceutical products from China (as per DGCIS) is as follows:

Year Value (Rs. Lakhs)

2004-05 90856.83

2005-06 157866.42

2006-07 212443.54

April 181340.70
2007-October
2007

(Provisional)

(b) to (d) Whenever complaints are received regarding 'dumped' imports, and consequential injury to the domestic industry, the Directorate General of Anti Dumping (DGAD) initiates investigations/ action as per anti dumping rules.